

## BIDS FOR CITY BONDS ARE ALL REJECTED.

Highest Price Offered Is 101.25, and All Are Too Low.

Sharp Verbal Passages Between Fitch and McCook Over Acceptance.

The Latter Favored Waiting, Though the Former Urged the Need of Getting Money.

MAYOR STRONG, TOO, MIXED UP IN IT

Adjournment Taken Without Providing for Re-Advertisement, and City Creditors Must Wait While for Their Money.

A vote the Shaking Fund Committee yesterday afternoon rejected all the bids for city bonds the comptroller had opened in the morning, aggregating \$4,543,842.50.

The cause of this unusual action was that the bids were considered too low. But while the commissioners were agreed on this, some wanted to accept the bids, and a hot argument followed.

Gen. A. G. McCook, the City Chamberlain, who favored delay, was manifestly angry with Mr. Fitch, and declared that he was his equal in the administration of city finances, and that he would not submit to any dictation.

The actual amount asked for by the comptroller for various purposes was \$3,453,033.41. Two items, amounting to \$1,610,000, were exempt from taxation. Out of the four and one-half millions offered \$1,837,242.50 were for the estimated necessities, at prices ranging from 101.25 down to par.

**Bid for the Full Amount.**

Harvey Fiske & Son and D. Zieley & Co., of this city, each bid for the full amount of the bonds for the support of the State insane, and the water stock was bid for four times over.

Mr. Fitch told the Commission that his office had been besieged by contractors, who wanted their money for their work. Prompt payment not only maintained the city's credit, but enabled the public to get its work done at lower rates. Moreover, there was interest accruing on the bills at 6 per cent. All the improvements had been ordered by the Board of Estimate, and the contracts for school houses and the new college work had been entered into by the trustees according to law. So far as the State taxes for the insane were concerned, he was maintained by State Treasurer Roberts to pay that item, in default of which he might be sent to jail, so that his personal liberty was involved.

"In that case I should go to jail with you," remarked General McCook.

"That would certainly be a pleasure," retorted the comptroller.

Strong—I do not believe the city would suffer very much if we rejected all the bids right now. I might then also have to share a cell with you.

"That indeed would be an additional pleasure," remarked Mr. Fitch.

**Oleott's Motion Fails.**

Alderman Oleott moved to accept bids to the amount of \$1,837,242.50, but not for the State tax item. By waiting until November, at least 102½ might be had for these. This is not agreed to.

General McCook declared that unless more urgent necessity was shown than the comptroller had given, he would vote for delay.

"We are all equal in this board," said he. "I don't think the comptroller has any greater interest in this matter than I have, and I refuse to surrender my judgment to him."

Mr. Fitch said the law provided that no award could be made without his vote. "This is supported by Corporation."

Mayor Strong—I am opposed to accepting bids for any of these securities. I will accept bids for 100.50 up. In this way we can raise about \$1,400,000 now. I believe that if we leave the matter until October a syndicate can be formed to take \$5,000,000, and at higher prices. They can then hold in London.

After considerable more warm argument, Alderman Oleott moved to accept all bids, except for the State tax for the insane, and that was voted down—3 to 1. Next, the

Comptroller's motion to accept all the bids was lost—2 to 2.

The Mayor then suggested that the Comptroller re-advertise for bids between September 15 and October 15, but without taking any action, the Board adjourned.

**Who Made the Bids.**

These were the bids opened, from forty-seven envelopes:

Atlantic Trust Company, at 101.25.....	\$110,000
Artistic Brothers, at 100.25.....	100,000
Blake Bros. & Co., at 100.08.....	100,000
United States Trust Co., at 100.01.....	100,000
Harvey Fiske & Son, at 100.27.....	1,200,000
Harvey Fiske & Son, at 100.51.....	310,000
Westchester Fire Insurance Company, at 100.15.....	25,000
C. W. Durrant, at 100.25.....	100,000
Metropolitan Savings Bank, at 100.50.....	100,000
Metropolitan Savings Bank, at 100.50.....	50,000
Thomas Denay & Co., at 100.50.....	55,000

A. J. Washburn, at 100.....	5,000
Emma Morgenstern, at 100.25.....	5,000
Walter J. Moore, at 100.....	5,000
E. J. Upton, at 100.50.....	5,000
Robert Forrest (Troy, N. Y.), at 100.....	1,000
G. S. Floyd-Jones, at 100.25.....	10,000
Deitz & Van Deusen, at 100.....	2,000
H. Day, at 100.....	20,000
Schaefer Brewing Co., at 100.....	25,000
A. Schaefer, at 100.....	1,000
P. Y. Hyatt, at 100.50.....	10,000
M. & H. Clarkson, at 100, for the Field Home (in trust).....	6,742
Louis Korn, at 100.02.....	1,000
Mary B. Tousser (Rockford, Mass.), at 100.....	3,000
Louis Stern, at 100.50.....	10,000
S. M. Warren, at 100.53, for the Schaefer estate.....	20,000
D. Zieley & Co., at 100.01.....	1,200,000
D. Zieley & Co., at 99.....	100,000
D. Zieley & Co., at 98.02.....	100,000
Total.....	\$4,543,842

**STILL LOSING MONEY.**

Steady Decline in Receipts of the Manhattan Elevated Railroad Company, and Its Stock Falls.

In the report of the Manhattan Elevated Railroad Company for the two quarters ending June 30, issued yesterday, the figures show a steady decline in receipts. One of the causes of this is the fierce competition of the Metropolitan Traction Company. The gross earnings of the road for the last three months of this year were only \$2,321,515, as against \$2,403,087 for the same period in 1895, a decrease of \$82,572. After paying dividends on the stock, the company's deficit for the quarter is \$88,401, as against a deficit of \$70,200 for the same quarter last year, and a

## AMERICAN EAGLE KILLS AND EATS A HAWK.

Red-Tailed Hawk Whipped and Destroyed in the Central Park Aviary.

It Was a One-Sided Combat, but the Hawk Did Not Stop Until It Fell Lifeless.

OTHER BIRDS SAW THE STRUGGLE.

Their Cries Filled the Air While the Feathers Flew and the Chase from Perch to Perch Continued.

In the Central Park aviary before daylight yesterday an American eagle pounced upon a beautiful red-tailed hawk, and in the combat that followed killed the bird and devoured it. Unusual sounds in the cage attracted the attention of a park employee. The big eagle was pursuing the hawk from perch to perch, and the chase evidently had lasted for a long time, for the hawk was fatigued and sought the ground at every opportunity. The big Egyptian vulture, the gray hawk, the bald eagle and the two turkey buzzards were huddled together on the loftiest rung of the aviary. With drooping heads they looked down upon the one-sided fight. Fleet of foot, the hawk tossed up the sand of the cage as it fled from the protruding beak of the eagle.

Once it was cornered against the rocks, but with a swift stroke of his aquiline beak tore a bunch of feathers from the eagle's throat, and then, with the vigor of desperation, soared to the top perch. But the eagle quickly followed, and for a moment a side-by-side struggle took place. The vulture tooted with its neck outstretched, the gray hawk screeched and the turkey buzzard emitted cries of fear. The red-tailed hawk uttered a cry of despair, descended to the ground and stood there gasping and expectant.

The great eagle saw his opportunity, but took advantage of it with deliberation. Measuring the distance, he pressed his wings closely to his body, opened his beak to the fullest extent, and then fell like a hail of shot on the body of the hawk. The eagle lost his grasp, but regained it when the stunned hawk turned upon him with open claws. It seized the hawk by the breast with its beak and pressed one claw against its throat. The sharp nose of the hawk here did it good service. Stretching its neck it fastened the points of its bill into the leg of the eagle and thus freed the claw from its throat.

With a simultaneous effort both birds sprang from the ground, and amid the cries of the other birds continued to struggle in mid-air. The eagle tore at the breast of the hawk until blood flowed in streams. The hawk fought until it fell lifeless on the sand. Then the scream of the eagle rang through the park and startled the animals in adjacent cages. Immediately thereafter the hawk was eaten.

Superintendent Smith, of the menagerie found the eagle picking the bones of its prey. The red tail alone remained.

## CUT HIS COLLAR BONE OUT.

Dangerous Operation Successfully Performed by Dr. Delatour.

One of the most difficult and dangerous operations known in surgery has just been successfully performed by Dr. H. B. Delatour, at the Long Island Hospital, in the presence of many students. The operation consisted of the removal of the clavicle, commonly known as the "collar bone." The patient, a mechanic, was admitted to the hospital suffering from a tumor caused by falling on his clavicle, which had previously been fractured. After the clavicle had been removed the patient steadily gained, and he was discharged from the hospital yesterday afternoon.

Dr. Valentine Mott, of this city, is believed to be the only other surgeon who has successfully performed a similar operation.

## Single Taxers to Stay in Jail.

Wilmington, Del., Aug. 17.—Judge Wales, in the United States Court this morning, gave decision in the cases of the single taxers who are in the Dover Jail. He decided that the Dover Justice of the Peace had authority to try and to remand James Haggerty, the appellant, to jail for violating a town law, by speaking on the street. The decision applies to all the other single tax prisoners in jail.

## RECEPTION GIVEN FOR LORD RUSSELL.

Nearly Two Hundred Guests Meet Mr. Villard's Distinguished Visitors.

American and English Flags Used National Aids of Two Countries Played.

MANY WELL-KNOWN MEN AT DINNER.

Ex-Minister E. J. Phelps and Chauncey M. Depew Among Them—Women Dine Apart in a Room by Themselves.

Henry Villard's beautiful country seat on the slopes above the Hudson at Dobbs Ferry was the scene yesterday of a notable entertainment in honor of Lord Charles Russell, Chief Justice of England; Lady Russell and Sir Frank and Lady Lockwood. Invitations for 200 persons had been sent out, and most of them were accepted. The guests were hidden to a reception from 4 to 6.30 p. m., and the first train to carry any of them from this city was that leaving the Grand Central Station at 3.55 p. m.

On reaching the railway station at Dobbs Ferry the guests entered carriages provided by Mr. Villard and were driven up the winding road that ascends the hill. Those who had never before visited Mr. Villard's place were moved to rapturous expressions by the superb view of the river and surrounding country.

Lord Chief Justice and Lady Russell, Sir Frank and Lady Lockwood, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Villard, Miss Katherine Garrison, Harold G. Villard and Oswald G. Villard, stood before the mantel on the west side of the parlor and received the guests, who were presented by Mr. Villard. All the women of the party were attired in simple afternoon costumes, suitable to the country.

After presentation the guests sauntered out to the veranda, and thence to the spacious and richly shaded lawn. A marquee had been erected south of the house, and there a collection was served. Joseph Brunetti's orchestra was stationed under the trees, and after playing "God Save the Queen" and "Star Spangled Banner" performed a programme of popular selections. A silk American flag floated from a staff planted in the lawn, and another was flying from the cupola of the house, while from a north window streamed the red ensign of St. George.

The reception was not really at an end until 7 o'clock, though many of the guests did not remain more than an hour. At 8 o'clock Mr. Villard and the distinguished gentlemen from England sat down to dinner. The guests at the dinner were Attorney-General Harmon, former Minister to England, E. J. Phelps, Chauncey M. Depew, James C. Carter, Allen G. Fox, Charles C. Bennett, Judge Lacombe, Judge Wallace, Wheeler H. Peckham and Francis Hawley, of Philadelphia. The women dined separately, in another room.

All of the guests at the dinner were at the reception, and among them remained were General Wager Swayne, Everett P. Wheeler, Frederic C. Hollis, Major S. B. Eaton, Elith Root, Lloyd McKim Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gould, Mr. and Mrs. Morton S. Paton, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Paton, Mr. and Mrs. August Kirkham, Mr. and Mrs. Cresswell, and others. Mrs. H. Walter Webb, Cresswell Webb, John D. Rockefeller, William Rockefeller, Eugene H. Lewis, Joseph H. Choate, Walker, Oswald Straus, Simon Straus, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Clarence Steadman, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wetmore.

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## GREATER GOVT. MAY READ CHAPTER 9.

Latest Section of the Charter Deals with the Department of Public Works.

Divided into Seven Bureaus, with Branches in the Public Hall of Brooklyn.

NO REFORMS THAT ARE SWEEPING.

Commissioner to Be Appointed Will Be at the Head of Deputies Having Chief Offices in Four Boroughs.

The Greater New York Commission published yesterday another chapter of the proposed charter. This is the ninth, and it deals exclusively and exhaustively with the Department of Public Works, defining its powers and duties.

It provides for the appointment by the Commissioner of Public Works of deputy commissioners, one to have chief office in the borough of Bowling Green, controlling also Manhattan, Yorkville and Harlem; one in Brooklyn, having charge of Brooklyn and Williamsburg; one in the borough of Queens and one in the borough of Bronx.

Other deputy commissioners may also be appointed by the chief as the municipal authority may authorize, but their period of office shall not extend beyond three months.

The Department of Public Works is to be divided into seven bureaus, the chief offices of which are to be designated:

1. Superintendent of Water and Street Improvements.
2. Water Regulators, for the collection of revenues from water.
3. The Chief Engineer of Aqueducts.
4. Superintendent of Lighting.
5. Superintendent of the Department of Public Works.
6. Superintendent of Repairs and Supplies.
7. Superintendent of Encumbrances.

A branch of each of these bureaus is to be located in the public hall of Brooklyn, and all rights and powers of Long Island City in respect to water works are to devolve upon the Department of Public Works.

The Street Commissioner will have power to remove all obstructions now or hereafter existing, and the words "Street Commissioner" in all existing laws will be deemed to mean the Commissioner of Public Works.

The appointment of a Deputy Commissioner for Brooklyn was probably hailed with satisfaction by the existing powers, as it will simplify the retention of Brooklyn members of the department under the present constitution.

A section of the chapter authorizes the Commissioner on behalf of New York to contract with the city of Yonkers for a supply of water in the borough of Bronx, and to cause at his discretion water meters to be placed in all places where water is supplied for business consumption, except in private dwellings, throughout the greater city for the purpose of ascertaining the ratable responsibility of consumers of water, but no patent device for which royalty may be claimed will be allowed to be used.

While the chapter just issued fully defines the duties and responsibilities of the Department of Public Works and its integral bureaus and subordinate deputies and chiefs, it contains no reform of a sweeping nature, and will probably prove equally satisfactory to those interested in the various boroughs of the greater city.

## FELL FROM A ROOF TO DEATH.

Janitor Goldstein Lost His Life While Shaking Rugs—Girl's Headlong Plunge.

James Goldstein, forty years old, of No. 53 Seventh avenue, the colored janitor of the apartment house No. 254 West Thirty-eighth street, fell from the roof of the latter place yesterday afternoon. His neck was broken and he died. He was shaking large rugs which belonged to one of the tenants. He stood near the edge of the roof when a gust of wind carried him off his feet. He hung to the eaves, but he dragged him over. He landed on the grass plot in the yard, making a hole in it more than a foot deep.

While looking out of a window which looks into an alshouse at her home, on the sixth floor of 810 West Forty-ninth street, yesterday, Lavinia Richmond, nine years old, lost her balance and plunged headlong to the basement. Several of the tenants in the house heard the noise made by the fall and dragged the unconscious little girl from the shaft. She was taken to Roosevelt Hospital unconscious. She is likely to die.

## WOMEN AND THEIR DOINGS.

Miss Susie Gentry, of Franklin, Tenn., is ambitious to bring the common or vegetable to its proper place among the garden of the earth. To do this she will have a grand exhibit in the Woman's Building at the Tennessee Centennial. She will demonstrate that gourds can be used as receptacles for lard, sugar, dried fruit, honey, preserves, salt, soap, powder, shot, etc.; as many as fifty dozen eggs have been packed in an "egg gourd," four varieties of nest eggs, goose, duck, turkey and hen eggs, all true to nature in shape and size; dippers, strainers, funnels, martin box, squirrel cage, life preservers, banjo, dish rag, or appliers, and baby rattlers, the only ones that has not passed out of usefulness. Their ornamental uses, Miss Gentry says, are vast and innumerable. Toilet receptacles, purses, curiosities in the shape of a snake gourd and wine bottle.

Miss Clara Ryne is an energetic young woman drummer. She travels for a house which deals in women's ready-made frocks and which is a success at her business. She says enthusiastically of her work: "You see, it is one of the few professions that are not overcrowded with women. I love the life. I am leading the very uncertainty of it keeps me constantly in a state of pleasurable excitement. I don't call myself a woman drummer, I call to see why a girl cannot be just as feminine in her business as though she knitted tidies for a living. Of course, she will not be quite as much of a clicking tune, but she will make a whole lot more money."

Bryan has a follower in Mrs. E. Montague Tillagham, daughter of ex-Judge Joseph Sheldon, of New Haven, having announced that she intends to speak all through New England on the currency question. Ex-Judge Sheldon has been one of the most prominent silver leaders in Connecticut for the past few years, and his daughter has been an active student on the question, adding her father in his researches. Mrs. Tillagham began lecturing about ten years ago, when she spoke on woman suffrage in several towns in Western Massachusetts. It is, however, as a decorator that Mrs. Tillagham is best known. She lectured at the Cotton States and Building at the World's Fair, and the Woman's Building at the Cotton States' Exposition, in Atlanta.

## ODD SANDWICHES.

A sandwich is anything from two thick hunks of bread with meat between to dainty wafer like bits made to tempt the appetite and rejoice the spirits. Every lunch counter holds the former, not one person in a hundred knows how to present the latter. The well-made sandwich is of inestimable value. As an appetizer there is nothing to equal it. No picnic was ever complete without it. It is a garden party dish without peer, and it is the proper accompaniment for any touring trip. The demand for it is endless and its variety infinite.

The use of lettuce as a filling for sandwiches is comparatively new, and has met with unqualified favor. Dressed with mayonnaise and laid with bits of chicken or beef or any other kind of meat between thin slices of toast, it makes claim to the title of club sandwich. Toast is also the ground work for oyster sandwiches, in a Diable. Spread the toast with fresh butter sprinkled with lemon juice and coriander pepper, then lay on the oyster and squeeze on it as much more lemon juice as your taste suggests.

Of course for lunch loaves toast is not so desirable as bread or thin salt crackers. Brown bread spread thickly with fresh butter is a delightful accompaniment for cheese of all kinds. An unusual and delicious filling may be made of finely chopped celery mixed with stiff whipped cream and grated Parmesan cheese. Thinly sliced tomatoes and cucumbers, and in fact, all the salads of the season, may be used temptingly with mayonnaise or French dressing. In the way of canned things there are endless suggestions. Sardines and anchovies and zucchini paste always hold their own, whatever other combinations come and go.

Sweet sandwiches savor somewhat of the nursery, but they are none the less frequently in demand for the salon as well. Made of various kinds of sweet biscuit or of thin slices of plain cake or of fresh home-made bread cut into dainty diamond shapes and robbed of all crust, there are various mixtures for their filling. All sorts of jam, plain or rubbed through a sieve, and then mixed with whipped cream, may be used; nuts pounded and similarly mixed are also excellent, though very rich; grated chocolate is good, and fresh fruit rubbed to a puree with sweetened cream is highly recommended for a midsummer sandwich.

## TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR HOT WEATHER.

They are made up largely of don'ts. The first and greatest is don't lower vitality by varying over the weather. A rise in the mental temperature aggravates wonderfully the mental oppression of the physical. Try to be mistress of yourself even if the human is late and the milkman aggravatingly early. The second is like unto it. Don't by any means allow yourself to stand over a range roasting hot after 8 o'clock in the morning. Get up at daylight, light a fire laid ready to hand over night, and do your day's cooking or washing before the sun is high. As to ironing, you had much better wear rough clothes till the thermometer is reformed than to keep your family and your temper at boiling pitch in the effort to keep up routine.

The third is, if you must, don't waste energy upon anything which can be folded flat—such as sheets, table cloths, napkins and so on. Hang them straight, let them get almost dry, then take down, fold, and smooth over a hard, flat surface. Unfold partly and hang over a line until bone dry. If you have never tried it, the result will surprise you.

Honor your stomach's demand for vegetables, but don't make the mistake of thinking they cannot be eaten cold. Nine in ten are excellent, served as salads, with a

## To Renovate Bath Tubs.

A bath tub from which the enamel has worn may be easily and successfully renovated by the aid of bath enamel. Before using the paint, scrape off as much of the old enamel as is possible, rubbing the inside of the tub with sandpaper until smooth. Then apply a thin coating of the fresh paint, leave it for twelve hours, and go over the bath again—even a third time, if you like, always waiting until the previous coating is dry. When finished, let the bath remain for a day before pouring in water. Then turn on the cold tap before letting in the hot water. It is a good plan to let the bath remain filled with cold water for a day before using it. In the painting care must be taken that no hairs escape from the brush and stick to the enamel.

French dressing of oil and vinegar, seasoned to taste. Beets, string beans, peas, cauliflower, lima beans can be cooked in clear salt water until tender, drained and set on ice until needed. Cereals of any sort can be made in a moulied into cups like custard and served later with sugar and cream in place of butter. Make corn into a pudding, bake apples, peaches and sweet potatoes with plenty of sugar and butter stewed over them.

The fourth is let no sour taint creep into your refrigerator. Wipe the shelves upon which food is set every morning with a cloth wrung out of very hot soda water, and once a week give it a thorough scrubbing.

The fifth is take special care of everything used to hold milk. Not only wash, but scrub, the vessels clean, and finish by rinsing with hot soda water. For babies have two bottles and several nipples. After the scalding rinse in clear water, then fill the bottle not in use with lime water and lay its nipple in the same fluid. Change bottles every three hours, and never give a child, especially an infant, more milk than has stood in the bottle longer than half an hour. Beware white rubber nipples also. The black ones are far more wholesome. And never by any means allow a child to feed through any contrivance with a narrow, uncleanable tube.

## Winter Clothes in Summer.

Jackets and mantles that are put away in drawers until the late autumn should have sheets of whitish-brown or tan paper laid between the folds, and paper should be put into each sleeve to prevent it from losing its shape. All woolen materials and furs must be protected from moth. Little blocks of camphor, or a sprinkling of insect powder, are good precautions against these unwelcome intruders. Thoroughly brush all your skirts and jackets before putting them away, and repair them if necessary. Throughout the summer it is advisable to look at winter clothing from time to time, and shake mantles, to make sure that no moths are feasting upon them.

Some one says any woman can be chic; the point is to know how to manage it.

## Women as Diners-Out.

Here is the pleasing criticism a professional diner-out makes on women:

"Women as diners-out are rarely sought after. At the conventional dinner party they are present in numbers equal to that of the men guests, but in selecting the couples the hostess usually asks her women for their beauty, toilet, or because they happen to be wives of the men she desires—very seldom for any individual quality they possess, not more than one of the sex in 500 being able to meet the requirements laid down for men. One reason for this is their incapacity to disguise their utter indifference to stories and anecdotes."

Out-glass bottles, holding art of roses, costing no less than \$50 an ounce, is one of the accessories of midday's toilet table.

## FASHION NOTES.

In spite of years of deyring for health's sake and for the promotion of grace, the Louis Quinze heel is still much in evidence. It is usually accompanied by the razor toe, but the latter is fast becoming a thing of the past in favor of the round toe, which keeps its shape longer and is more becoming to many feet, especially slender ones.

A most popular shade of pink at the present moment is known as the azalea. It is clear—it might almost be described as transparent, and has a depth of red in it. Azalea-colored jewelry is also in vogue, combined with the most striking and artistic sort, and so far, it is still an uncommon one.

Stockings made to represent a strapped boot front will at last permit the wearing of slippers in the street, a grateful innovation in the hot weather months, when every inch of extra foot gear is to be avoided. These straps are worn in the stockings and made to match the color of the shoe—tan white or black. They are so well made that they would deceive the most practised eye.

Herring red kid gloves have been found to make the hand look smaller than any ones, and they are worn by the New Yorkers whenever they can possibly be made to harmonize with a gown. A red belt or tie or lapel or handbag is considered excessive enough, and so the red glove is at this moment more in evidence, bicycling, yachting, driving and walking, than any other.

Most of the new bathing dresses have suspenders that come well up over the shoulders. They keep the waist from bulging out unnecessarily and the skirt from sagging. Made of broad trim, they form an ornamentation at once useful and desirable.

Black satin slippers are permitted with every sort of colored gown, but devotees of fashion still cling to those made from a bit of satin or silk that exactly matches. However, black still remains the color—the only color that can completely deceive the eye and make a large foot look small.

**Machine-Made Ceylon and India Tea.**  
"A Crown of Gold" awarded to this tea where used. No crosses in it.

## WHIMS OF THE MOMENT.

A great deal of the moment is "tea grounds clairvoyance." It is a revival of one of our grandmothers' favorite superstitions and is replete with all sorts of ancient laws that should govern tea serving from the moment of its mixing until it is finally drunk. The signs to be found in a single cup are manifold. Perhaps the very luckiest formation of the grounds is when they suggest the formation of a tree. A small speck near the top of the cup means a letter; larger ones may foreshadow the coming of a package or even a trunk. A conclusion: those tea users will tell you that you must stand well away from her when she is seeking your fortune; to look over her shoulder when she is consulting a cup, or to look into your cup at all, is an unlucky omen.

Instead of the sweet perfume of flowers on the frosty, luxuriant air of Summer, it has become common custom to delight in heavy incense fumes. Small patters that may be bought in the greatest variety and at the least expense in Japan or China stores and a quick ready sale. Two or three of these, standing in low, dull, earthen jugs, sending forth narrow streams of scented smoke, will soon load the air with the unmistakable mystic perfume associated more often with a house of worship than a place of pleasure.

## CARPETS.

MIDSUMMER SALE OF Wilton Velvets.

500 pieces, choice designs, in various grades, to suit all tastes, at prices LOWER THAN EVER BEFORE QUOTED. We have also a large stock of remnants and Old pieces of avary grade, at still lower prices. With borders in various sizes. RUGS, AT REMANENT PRICES, in all sizes. SHEPPARD KNAPP & CO., SIXTH AVE., 12TH AND 14TH STS.

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